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SUBJECT:ZALTA-SHALUH TRIAL

1. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES RECEIVE HEAVY VOLUME OF CORRESPONDENCE RE ZALTA-SHALUH TRIAL. OUR LATEST INFORMATION, WHICH DATES FROM EARLY JULY, IS THAT SARG HAS DROPPED MURDER CHARGES AGAINST ZALTA AND SHALUH AND IS CHARGING THEM WITH ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE PEOPLE OUT OF COUNTRY, WHICH CARRIES POSSIBLE FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH LAWYER, MARIO STASI, REPRESENTING FRENCH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE WAS PERMITTED TO BE PRESENT AT JUNE 19 OPENING SESSION OF TRIAL.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO YOU ADDITIONAL TO OR CORRECTING FOREGOING. KISSINGER

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